



# Welcome

## Order of Worship

November 15, 2020

10:00 a.m. Service

*During this time of social distancing, we ask that all singing and responsive reading be done from behind a mask.  
Thank you for doing your part to keep yourself and others safe during the pandemic.*

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### Prelude

### Introit

*Sing to the Lord!*

*Folts*

### Call to Worship

#### \*Hymn #145

**Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart**

1. Rejoice ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
Refrain:  
Rejoice! rejoice! rejoice, Give thanks, and sing!
2. Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;  
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)
3. At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;  
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)
4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)

#### \*Call to Confession

Our God is merciful and compassionate, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love. He is close to all who call on Him in truth, listening to their cries for help, and offering them salvation. So let's bring our confession to God, knowing that he will hear our prayers and forgive.

#### \*Prayer of Confession

**Confession is not an easy or a pleasant thing to do. We would like to think that we have been good and faithful disciples, following your way. But we know in our hearts the many ways in which we have turned our backs on you and rejected your will for us. Like the Israelites in the wilderness, we create for ourselves idols and worship them, only to discover their shallowness and emptiness for our lives. And we wonder what went wrong.**

**Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Help us to be open to your will for our lives. We know what you want us to do. Give us the persistence and the courage to do your will. Heal us from our wayward actions and attitudes. Remind us that we must reach out to others in compassion and peace.**

**Merciful God, come to us this day with your healing power and help us again to be your disciples, offering hope and peace to your hurting and wounded world. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Silent Prayer of Confession**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

One thing we forget is that God loves us very much. God loves us enough to forgive us again and again and again. God loves us so much that God lived among us, died, and rose again in Jesus of Nazareth. So never forget, but always remember that God loves you and forgives you. Thanks be to God!

**\*Congregational Response**

*Gloria Patri*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory**

**\*Hymn #592**

*The Doxology*

**\*Prayer of Commitment and the Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**\*Choral Response**

**Anthem**

*In Your Hands*

*Nagy*

**Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23**

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. <sup>2</sup> Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise? <sup>3</sup> Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

<sup>4</sup> Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; <sup>5</sup> that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage. <sup>6</sup> Both we and our ancestors have sinned; we have committed iniquity, have done wickedly.

<sup>19</sup> They made a calf at Horeb and worshiped a cast image. <sup>20</sup> They exchanged the glory of God for the image of an ox that eats grass. <sup>21</sup> They forgot God, their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt, <sup>22</sup> wondrous works in the land of Ham, and awesome deeds by the Red Sea.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore he said he would destroy them—had not Moses, his chosen one, stood in the breach before him, to turn away his wrath from destroying them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Time**

**\*Hymn #281**

**Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

## Scripture Reading

**Exodus 32:1-14**

<sup>1</sup>When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

<sup>2</sup>Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." <sup>3</sup>So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. <sup>4</sup>He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!"

<sup>5</sup>When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." <sup>6</sup>They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'"

<sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation." <sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth?' "Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'"

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

## Sermon Title

*Not Without Them*  
Rev. Tom Coop

## \*Prayers of the People

### \*Hymn #298

**There's a Wideness in God's Mercy**

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;  
There's a kindness in God's justice, which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
There is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader than the measures of the mind;  
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful, we would gladly trust God's word;  
And our lives reflect thanksgiving for the goodness of our Lord.

## \*Charge and Benediction

## \*Closing Response

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.  
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.  
I can hear the brush of angels wings.  
I see glory on each face.  
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**Surely the Presence**

## \*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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